

**State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Plant Native Blue Oak Trees at Lake Natoma

**LOCATION:** Folsom Lake State Recreation Area

**COUNTY:** Sacramento

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Plant 150 blue oak trees at Lake Natoma in various locations from Alder Creek to Nimbus Flat at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area for resource management and landscape enhancement. Prior to the start of work, DPR staff will treat the areas selected for seedlings with a herbicide containing the active ingredient Glyphosate to kill annual grasses and other weedy vegetation. Trees will be planted 12' to 25' apart and holes will be excavated approximately 12" wide x 15" deep. Each seedling will require slow releasing fertilizer at the bottom of the hole; a protective tube and support post; and a weed mat with native mulch. Additional work will remove a non-historic barbed wire fence but leave the metal t-posts to possibly use as support posts. DPR employees will water bi-weekly and monitor the health and vigor yearly of all the trees for three years. No historic features or ecological features will be affected by this project.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Gold Fields District

**EXEMPT STATUS:** ☒ Categorical Exemption    Class: 4, Section: 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of minor alteration to the land and is included as "resource management project" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4 and does not exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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